

For Faculty and Staff

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Trip to Croatia Much More Than Stereotypical Spring Break for PFW Students

Most college students heading off for spring break are just looking for warmer weather and a good time. This March, a group of 17 Purdue University Fort Wayne students also found life-changing experiences in the small European country of Croatia.

Led by Hal Odden, chair of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, the students said they had no regrets about their choice. They all got something different out of the trip, and a few said they will definitely go back.

"It was fun, it was entertaining, it was educational," said Bree Felger, a junior majoring in anthropology and history. "It was an educational trip, but it did not feel like that. We were learning for 6–7 hours a day, and Professor Odden did a phenomenal job organizing it."

leGood to Know

Use New Link for Day of Giving Payroll Deductions

Regular, online gifts for Day of Giving on Wednesday that come from faculty and staff through **dayofgiving.pfw.edu** are still being prioritized, but payroll deductions remain available using a new link for **Payroll Deduction Requests**.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday

The Cole Clubhouse at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus will be a drop-off location for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. This opportunity for students, employees, and others to properly dispose of unneeded medications to help prevent misuse and opioid addiction will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Syringes, liquids, or vapes with batteries will not be accepted. PFW University Police will have two officers on site to assist.

Future Microsoft 365 Tenant Migration Planned

Purdue IT will be migrating Purdue University Fort Wayne users to the single Purdue system Microsoft 365 tenant at some point in the coming months. This change will allow easier file sharing and communication among students, faculty, and staff system-wide who use the Microsoft 365 suite. Email addresses ending in @pfw.edu will not be changing. No action is required at this time. Look for further communications as information becomes available.

Eventful

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full events calendar often to see what's happening on campus.

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Faculty Artist Recital: Andrew Nesler

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The second installment in this three-part recital series features Prokofiev's gripping Sonata No. 7, Op. 83, paired with Beethoven's Sonata No. 6, Op. 10/2, and Eleven Bagatelles, Op. 119...

Fri., 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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Sat., noon-2 p.m.

El día de los niños/El día de los libros story time

The Women's Center, the Multicultural Center, and Helmke Library present a bilingual story time along with songs, crafting, and snacks. Get a free book to take home and parade your craft in front of the library before a tour. The free book is at pre-K through second grade reading level. Books will be given to families that sign-up for the event, then first come, first served...

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Singer's Choice Choral Concert

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Sun., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The 2024–25 PFW choral concert season will conclude with favorite songs selected by the singers. This concert will feature the Chamber Treble Singers, Choral Union, and the University Singers. Come to this "mixtape" concert to enjoy an eclectic collection of choral music...

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:

SOE Newsletter | School of Education

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Kayak Kleanup returns to St. Joe River

Fort Wayne-area media | Friday

Archery and atlatl throwing demonstration

WANE 15 | April 16

Autism knows no gender boundaries

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | April 16

Women's Fund asks parents, caregiving to provide insight on teen, young adult demographic

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | April 14

In a Snap

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



Celebrating the renewal of a warm spring day, students dusted one another with colored powder and were "helped" to rinse off during a Hindu celebration of Holi on the intramural fields.

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